



Benevolent Asian Jade Society of New England, Inc.

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Dear Chair Aaron Michlewitz and Chair Claire Cronin,

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The Benevolent Asian Jade Society of New England was established in 1983 and is composed of Asian and Pacific Law Enforcement officials in state, county and municipal government. We support our fellow law enforcement brothers and sisters' mission to protect and serve the public. Having statewide training standards with continuous education will provide knowledge uniformity to our profession. We fully embrace the diversity of our communities and as new law enforcement techniques and procedures develop, we should be at the forefront in preparedness.

We do not support changing qualified immunity. Senate Bill 2820 seeks to remove from all public employees the ability to perform their duties due to fear of a civil suit. In our profession, each day is different. Every day brings a different circumstance and different decisions. We rely on our training and each other to make the best decisions possible for a positive outcome in every instance. Removing qualified immunity will force law enforcement officials to continuously second guess the decision made and this will defeat the purpose of uniform training and continuing education. In the end, Senate Bill 2820 will undoubtedly adversely impact most of those we are sworn to serve and protect.

We share the vision to continuously improve our law enforcement system. As One Society, we collectively benefit from this endeavor. However, to achieve the end state, it is incumbent upon us to insure the seats at the table are both diverse and inclusive. That said, we welcome and request any opportunity to be part of the dialogue and ultimately a part of the solution that the citizens of our great commonwealth deserve and appreciate..

Sincerely,

Tommy Yung

President,

Benevolent Asian Jade Society of N.E.

